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37 CFR § 1.116**

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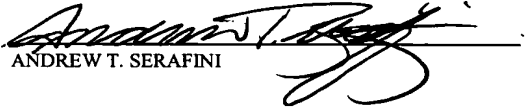
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.192**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed **November 3, 2003** finally rejecting claims **1-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16** of the above-identified patent application.

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- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as : \
- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of November 3, 2003, to and through May 3, 2004 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three months. An extension of time of one month was requested, and authorization to charge our deposit account No. 23-3050, for this extension was given on March 2, 2004. The three-month extension fee of \$950, less the amount already paid of \$110, leaves a total of \$840 due for this extension.

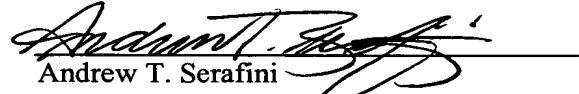
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$       .00 is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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